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Henry Hastings Hall to Sarah Bracher, 5 July 1877

Sarah Bracher to Fanny Bracher, 31 July 1877

Mandurah 5<sup>th</sup> July 1877

My dear Sister

I just send you a line on the *mere chance* of you getting it by the present mail, to inform you of the sad event for which you will be prepared by my former letters. Our dear Letitia departed in Peace on Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup> July. She had been a great sufferer but it was borne with Xtian fortitude and the last two or three weeks of her lingering illness she appeared anxious to be at rest. I will write you fully by the next Mail. If I had time it would scarcely be worth doing so now as I am not at all certain this will go. My household thank God all well. I have our poor sister's daughter here. My wife and boy join with me in kindest love

Ever affectly yours

H H Hall

4 Victoria Terrace

July 31st/77

Dearest Fanny

Many thanks for the nice dress, it was a great surprise. I shall get Miss Smith to make it up next week if she can. I had a note from Fred H & his wife too they both seem very miserable & I really don't see how they will be better until they forget & forgive old grievances. You will see I have a hard pen & but little time so excuse this. I am *very very* sorry for poor Mary's likely bereavement what will she do if he is taken from her with so many little Girls? hers is a grievous state indeed, how soon the joy & hope of ones life is crushed & ruined by disease or death, what need we have to live for a better world I little thought poor Mary wd have such a trouble & very likely *deep poverty* will follow, poor Girl she seems almost beside herself & no wonder. Poor Fanny Wallis has been dead a week today, hers was a sudden call something like poor dear Loui's, I have not seen any of them since her death, it will nearly kill her poor Mother. Charley only got home the day before his sister died from a cold & inflammation of

the *bowels*. Miss S sends her love & many send kind wishes to my  
own darling, I shall write soon again  
Your ever loving Mother

May God's love & grace ever attend you & those who love you Robt is  
well I had a walk & chat with him.